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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the three paragraphs on page 1, lines 7 -28 as shown below.

This application is related to co-pending US Patent Application Serial No.[[]] 09/965,001 (IBM Docket No. entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD AUS920010903US1), PROVIDING A PLUGGABLE USER INTERFACE by the inventors herein, filed on even date herewith and assigned to the common assignee of this application.

This application is also related to co-pending US Patent Application Serial No.[[____]] 09/964,998 Docket No. AUS920010904US1), entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD DISTRIBUTED SERVICES FOR PROVIDING COMMON MANAGEMENT APPLICATIONS ACROSS HETEROGENEOUS ENVIRONMENTS by the inventors herein, filed on even date herewith and assigned to the common assignee of this application.

This application is further related to co-pending US Patent Application Serial No.[[]] 09/985,002 Docket No. AUS920010905USI), entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD OF REPRESENTING REAL-TIME DISTRIBUTED COMMAND EXECUTION STATUS ACROSS DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS by the inventors herein, filed on even date herewith and assigned to the common assignee of this application.

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